

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-201 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT TO INSTALL
3 SPEED HUMPS ON DOVER STREET NORTHWEST TO IMPROVE PUBLIC
4 SAFETY.

5 WHEREAS, the residents of Dover Street Northwest between McMahon
6 Boulevard and Braniff Avenue in 2018 petitioned for and were granted a Traffic
7 Calming Study through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
8 (NTMP); and

9 WHEREAS, Dover Street is a residential street fronted by homes and yards
10 with a sidewalk located behind the curb of the roadway and it is intersected by
11 five courts and is an access that connects streets north and east of Dover to
12 McMahon. The roadway is on a hill sloping from north to south which can
13 cause motorists to unknowingly speed; and

14 WHEREAS, The NTMP Qualifying study recorded that the 85th percentile
15 speed of vehicles traveling on the Dover roadway exceeded 32 miles per hour.
16 This is detrimental to public safety. The National Highway Transportation
17 Safety Administration of the United States Department of Transportation
18 reports that when a vehicle traveling over 30 miles per hour strikes a
19 pedestrian there is a 70% greater chance the crash will result in pedestrian
20 fatality or serious pedestrian injury than if the pedestrian was struck at 25
21 miles per hour, the speed limit for a local street; and

22 WHEREAS, in its current configuration the NTMP requires that for a street
23 to qualify for traffic calming two of four criteria must be met. The NTMP
24 evaluation of Dover Street determined that traffic on the road only achieved
25 one NTMP evaluation criterion of speeding. Therefore Dover did not warrant
26 traffic calming through the NTMP Program; and

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1 WHEREAS, since the implementation of the current edition of the NTMP
2 Manual, few roads with speeding and cut through traffic issues have qualified
3 for the NTMP Program. In response, The City is rewriting the qualifying
4 criteria for traffic calming measures to ensure that roadways where traffic
5 creates safety and quality of life issues are eligible for traffic calming; and

6 WHEREAS, using the traffic calming qualifying criteria proposed for the
7 next version of the NTMP Manual, Dover Street would qualify in that a roadway
8 would only require 85% of the traffic on the roadway to be speeding to receive
9 traffic calming measures; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
11 Manager, Dover is not a primary emergency vehicle access route and
12 installing traffic calming devices on the street would not impede emergency
13 vehicle access to the neighborhood.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
15 ALBUQUERQUE:

16 Section 1. The City Council of Albuquerque, acting in its duty to protect
17 the public's health and welfare, directs The Department of Municipal
18 Development to install speed humps on Dover Street Northwest between
19 McMahon Boulevard and Braniff Avenue by June 30, 2020.

20 Section 2. Funding is appropriated from Council Set-aside for District 5.
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